



Summer 2026 Newsletter

Hi everyone it's been a while since the last newsletter; there's plenty to share this time, so read on!



JACK & GRACE'S
SUMMER SHOWCASE

LIVE MUSIC • ALL AGES PERFORMING • REFRESHMENTS

SUN 12 JULY | 6PM

DOORS 6PM • ACTS 6:30-8:30PM • ON-ROAD PARKING

TICKETS & INFO @
tiny.cc/ssc2026

SCAN HERE! 

* **YELLOW ARCH STUDIOS**
SHEFFIELD, S3 8BX

* **COME ALONG TO SUPPORT FRIENDS**
& FAMILY - SEE YOU THERE!



SUMMER SHOWCASE

We are gearing up for a Summer Showcase on Sunday 12th July. This is set to be another great programme of guitar and vocal performances across a range of genres, from younger to adult performers. This time, we're holding the event at Yellow Arch Studios at Kelham Island. Doors are at 6pm, with plenty of on-road parking options. There will be some light refreshments, and some incredible musical talent on show as always! Students are hard at work getting their pieces prepared, I can't wait to share what they've been working on.

Don't miss out, tickets are limited - now available at
<http://tiny.cc/ssc2026>!

(Ticket purchase not required for those performing)



ZACH & SEB - ALBUM RELEASE

Over multiple action-packed sessions, I worked with Zach (guitar) & Seb (drums) to record a jamming/concept album in their loft-come-home-studio! It's called Silk Road and is available to stream at <http://tiny.cc/zachandseb>. We even put together a CD with album art to commemorate their songwriting and recording achievements, and of course immortalise their ideas! Covering styles all the way from

Metal to Jazz, this was a super fun project with lots of learning in terms of microphone usage, audio interfaces, and tones. They had great fun in the process and are hard at work on their next tunes...





RSL ROCKSCHOOL EXAM RESULTS

Praise should be given for recent Grade 6 and 7 exam results - congratulations to those students! Some excellent high marks across the board.

I have some students now preparing for the Summer and Autumn exam seasons, of which the RSL closing dates for entry are:

- Summer Sessions - 1st-31st Aug 2026 (closing date 22nd Jun) •
- Autumn Exams: 26th October – 19th Dec 2026 (Closing date 19th Oct) •

On the note of exams, well done to all those who've worked on performances and compositions with me this year. Good luck with your results!



NEW "QUICK-FIX" VIDEO FEEDBACK

I'm currently exploring a new format for lessons, aimed at the less-regular scheduled lessons including older learners. This will involve students sending 3-5 minute clips of their playing across to me to assess and feedback with a similar length video in return. This should be the perfect way to get specific feedback on particular challenges such as; improving a solo from a song, developing a tricky technique, or looking for a demonstration of chord strumming patterns. This more bitesize teaching format is something I've wanted to offer for a while, and I'd be interested to hear your feedback or thoughts on this! It could also complement lessons or provide a good filler activity during the school holidays where lessons are fewer.



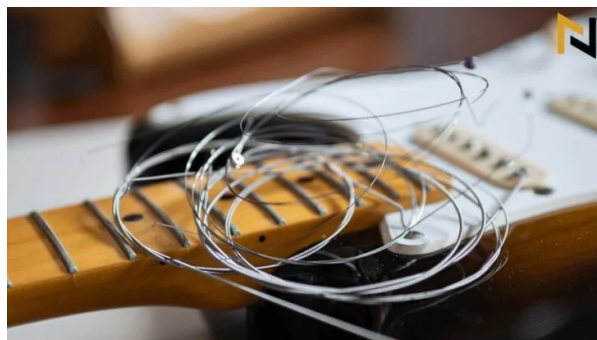
RESTRINGING & SETUPS

Have your guitar strings worn out? Do things sound muted or more difficult to play? You probably need to have the guitar restrung and possibly setup. This is absolutely something you can do yourself with the know-how and tools, and if you'd ever like to learn, let me know so we can go through the process together; I can demonstrate the most effective, straightforward and most importantly safest (for the guitar, though getting a fresh string to the eyeball is always a risk!) ways to refresh your instrument.

Alternatively I can take your instrument away, give it some TLC, and have back good as new in no time!

For more info, here's a great guide on what the right gauge is for you, how often they should be changed, etc.

<https://www.andertons.co.uk/electric-guitar-string-guide>



I hope everyone is well and ready for a fantastic summer. There are some great opportunities coming up in the coming months - let me know if you have any questions or feedback as the school year comes to a close!

See you soon,

Jack